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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2471

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: A NEW IDEA IN PROTOCOL

1. FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH RETURNED FROM UNGA
AT 1330 HOURS LOCAL OCTOBER 13 ON AEROFLOT VIA MOSCOW.
FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD ALERTED DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON OCTOBER 12.

2. CHIEFS OF MISSION AND UN AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES WERE DIRECTED
TO VIP ROOM ON THEIR ARRIVAL ALTHOUGH SOVIET AMBASSADOR WHO IS
DEAN REMAINED OUTSIDE. WHEN AEROFLOT PLANE LANDED, LAO PROTOCOL
OFFICERS REQUESTED ALL EXCEPT EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS PLUS NORTH
KOREAN AND NORTH VIETNAMESE TO REMAIN IN THE SECOND STORY VIP ROOM.
THIS MEANT NON-COMMUNISTS PLUS CHINESE AMBASSADOR AND CAMBODIAN
AMBASSADOR WERE LEFT IN THE VIP ROOM. THAI AMBASSADOR PUSHED HIS
WAY THROUGH AND JOINED THE COMMUNIST FRATERNITY ON THEIR
MARCH TO THE AIRCRAFT. CHINESE AMBASSADOR LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW
AND SAW SOVIET AMBASSADOR, NORTH VIETNAMESE AND NORTH KOREAN
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WALKING ACROSS THE TARMAC. UTTERING WHAT I SUPPOSE WAS A CHINESE

OATH, HE RAN DOWN THE STAIRS FOLLOWED BY HIS INTERPRETER AND PURSUED THE OTHER COMRADES, OVERTAKING THEM BY BREAKING INTO A RUN FOR THE LAST FEW YARDS TO THE AIRCRAFT.

3. PHOUNE, AFTER GREETING THE COMMUNIST BRETHREN MOUNTED TO THE VIP ROOM ACCOMPANIED BY NOUHAK, PHOUMI VONGVICHIT AND OTHERS FOR SMALL TALK WITH THE NON-COMMUNISTS. THE CHINESE AND KOREAN AMBASSADORS PLUS THE EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND THE HUNGARIAN CHARGE CAME BACK WITH HIM. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND THE OTHER EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS TOOK OFF WITHOUT EVEN SIGHTING THE NON-COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES.

4. COMMENT: THIS "SEPARATE BUT NOT EQUAL" TREATMENT OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS OBVIOUSLY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S IDEA. CORCORAN

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